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Re: Dual Anniversary

Dear Fr. Frank,

With deep gratitude and admiration, I wish you congratulations on the occasion of your 25-year anniversary of entering the Priesthood and 20-year anniversary as leader of Priests for Life! Americans United for Life has been privileged to stand side-by-side with you and Priests for Life in fighting the greatest human rights battle of our generation.

For the past twenty years, guided by your unflinching leadership, Priests for Life has flourished and been responsible for saving countless preborn children and women from the horrors of abortion. Priests for Life divisions like "Silent No More" and "Rachel's Vineyard" act as a testament of the true heart of our movement—to love and serve women as well as children. Your African-American outreach and Hispanic outreach divisions have cut across cultural barriers to save the children of races targeted by a heartless profit-driven industry. And your voice, in defense of the unborn, has penetrated the hearts of Americans and motivated them to be involved in a cause much bigger than themselves.

You have not only inspired the Church to be active in our cause, but your efforts have spanned across the denominations, ages, backgrounds and circumstances of all. Indeed, whether they be the seasoned pro-life warriors leading national organizations, or the vibrant youth activists carrying signs on our streets, everyone in our movement in one way or another, has been inspired, encouraged or blessed by your tireless efforts.

I am confident that history will look back on our movement, at those pivotal events that will be recorded in the scrolls of history—the conversion of Norma McCorvey, the Terri Schiavo case, Baby Joseph, and ultimately the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*—and the name of Father Frank Pavone will surface as one of our generation's greatest heroes.

I am honored to call you colleague, friend, and fellow Defender of Life. May God grant you many more years in service to our cause, so that in the end we may say of you: "He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Until all are welcomed in life and protected in law,

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